(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government have taken to retrieve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes.

(b) The shortage of blood in the blood banks is due to lack of voluntary blood donations and problems in proper storage facilities. The Government has taken up in hand a comprehensive scheme to improve all the facets of blood banking services during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Rail accidents

186. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of derailments/accidents of railway trains in different parts of the country during the last two months;

(b) the number of passengers killed and injured as a result thereof;

(c) whether sabotage has also been one of the factors responsible for such accidents; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The details of the train accidents during February and March, 1987 are as under:—

Category of accident	Number
Collisions	7
Derailments	76
Accidents at level crossings	10
Fire in trains	1

(b) 26 passengers including 13 railway employees lost their lives and 141 including 42 railway employees were injured in these accidents.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Some anti-sabotage measures taken are:

(i) Patrolling of track;

(ii) Guarding of vulnerable bridges;

(iii) Re-scheduling of passenger trains during night;

(iv) Running of goods trains ahead of important Express trains; and

(v) Providing anti-pilferage track fittings.

Summer special railway trains

187. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of summer special trains proposed to be run by the railways on different routes; and

(b) the period during which these summer special trains are to operate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Details of proposed summer specials are indicated in the statement placed below. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 9.]

Shortage of tetanus and anti-rabies vaccine in the country

188. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of tetanus and anti-rabies vaccines in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to ensure easy availability of these vaccines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No shortage of tetanus vaccines has been